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Plans for Beaver Theatre paused

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The redevelopment of the former Beaver Theatre in downtown Minden is on hold, the owner says.

Last week, Rahim Lakhani confirmed to the paper that a project to revitalize the theatre is paused until further developments, but provided few other details.

Operating as a movie theatre for decades, the Beaver Theatre sat unused for years before being reopened for a brief period by the previous owner in 2009. While the plan was for the Water Street building to serve as a movie theatre, live performance venue and arts hub, burst pipes led to a multi-million dollar lawsuit between the previous owner and a number of contractors, which also named the township.

A tax arrears certificate filed by the Township of Minden Hills in May of 2015 shows the previous owner was nearly \$13,000 in arrears at that time and land registry documents show Lakhani purchased the property in September of 2016 for just more than \$70,000.

Lakhani made a presentation to Minden Hills council last fall and also held meetings with local stakeholder groups.

His vision was for the theatre to function through a not-for-profit community partnership involving Minden Hills township, the community at large and what he was potentially calling the Minden Hills

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August Moon illuminates creativity

Participants of the Festival of the August Moon paint lanterns outside the Wild Swan B&B the evening of Aug. 5. More on page 15./CHAD INGRAM Staff

Mandatory septic inspections becoming the norm

by ROBERT MACKENZIE
Times Staff

Haliburton County's municipalities are taking steps to develop septic reinspection plans in order to prevent blue green algae blooms in the county's lakes and rivers.

Septic tanks are the leading contributor of phosphorous to lakes in Ontario, and phosphorous is the main cause of blue green algae blooms.

Toxins released by blue green algae when it blooms can pose serious health risks to humans and animals, including fish in the water.

Drinking water affected by the algae can

cause nausea, headaches and vomiting, while bathing in it can cause skin rashes and hay fever-like symptoms.

Despite this, Paul MacInnes estimates that only about 40 municipalities in Ontario have policies in place to address septic reinspections.

MacInnes is the chair of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA), a group focused on protecting the health of local lakes.

Three of Haliburton's four municipalities currently have plans in place to enforce some mandatory form of septic reinspection.

MacInnes met with the municipalities

earlier this summer to discuss the importance of septic re-inspection plans.

According to his presentation, there are four major types of septic reinspection. Type one only requires paperwork, which only determines whether or not the property has a permit.

The second type requires a site visit, although the inspector never looks inside the tank.

Type three expects the inspector to take the lid off of the tank during their search, while the fourth type calls for the tank to be inspected, pumped out, then inspected again when it's empty.

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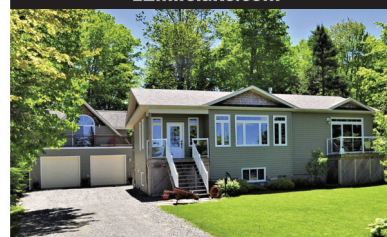
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Resident assigns ‘Haliburton’ trademark to county

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Minden man who successfully trademarked the word “Haliburton” for commercial purposes has assigned the trademark to the County of Haliburton.

As reported earlier, it came up at a county council meeting in July that a local resident had applied and been approved for the word mark trademark “Haliburton” for a host of commercial goods, including but not limited to athletic apparel, casual clothing, sweatshirts, caps, children’s clothing, pillows, cushions, sports bags, cooler bags, blankets, towels and beach toys.

The application was approved by the federal government through the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development in February of this year.

Councillors were upset, Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin pointing out that, under legislation, the names geographical locations from which goods and services are supposed to be exempt from trademarking.

Since the federal government seemed unwilling to correct what appeared to be an error, councillors made it clear that legal options were on the table.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 3, county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter confirmed the county had received a letter from trademark holder Michael Stinson, irrevocably transferring all rights to and future interests in the trademark to the County of Haliburton, and also offering to undergo the process of having the trademark expunged from the record, if county council so wishes.

“I have been aware since yesterday that there have been negotiations between the chamber of commerce and Mr. Stinson,” Devolin told the paper Wednesday.

Both Devolin and Rutter credited chamber representatives for their work in resolving the situation. The issue came to the county’s attention through the chamber, which had apparently received comments from member business owners about the trademark holder.

“It’s a good outcome,” Devolin said.

However, the fact the trademark was approved in the first place is still problematic, Devolin said, adding he’ll continue to seek clarification and advocate for strengthening of policy through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus.

Hopefully, Devolin said, a similar situation can be avoided in other communities.

“Everything has been blown way out of proportion about T-shirts,” Stinson wrote in a statement he sent to the paper. “Key Haliburton officials have made untrue statements about me. It’s an unfortunate defamation of character. It’s untrue that I’m harassing stores to buy from me. It’s untrue that stores must pay me to use the name Haliburton. It’s untrue the chamber has been receiving complaints about me. Businesses still continue to purchase products from me and have no issues doing so. I am a resident of Haliburton County and I successfully trademarked the name Haliburton.

“I always wanted to put Haliburton on the map with the co-operation of the county. I guess I have done it now. It’s unfortunate that people jumped to conclusions and it all started from rumours.

“I’m optimistic that this will be resolved very quickly and in the best interests of our community.”

Chamber of commerce president Richard Wannan told the paper while some member business owners had been concerned about the trademarking itself, business owners were never asked to pay any kind of royalty.

“Every one of those individuals said he never asked for royalties,” Wannan said. Wannan said the chamber was happy to be part of resolving the situation.

Stinson sells merchandise through his business, The Haliburton Store.

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I always wanted to put Haliburton on the map with the co-operation of the county. I guess I have done it now.

— **MICHAEL STINSON**

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Theatre was to host festivals, conference events, banquets

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Theatre Not-for-Profit Society, which would be governed by a board of directors.

It would host movie festivals, banquet and conference events, live performances, even college workshops and bingo nights. It would seat between 90 and 110.

The plan also entailed working committees of volunteers to look after various duties.

The four working committees were to include one for events and programming; one for building design, licensing, rehabilitation and maintenance; one for marketing, outreach, membership rewards and fundraising; and one for finance and business development. Time commitments would likely vary between four and 14 hours per week, depending on the committee, Lakhani said at the time.

His goal had been to complete a business plan, get funding, recruit volunteers, do fundraising and collect construction and design bids by February of 2017, to have construction take place between February and May, and to host a red-carpet opening gala before the cottage season

started.

So far, it appears no work has been done on the building.

Lakhani, who was to have an engineering assessment done on the theatre, made a number of requests of the township, including the waiving of fees, a reduction of the number of required parking spots for the theatre and a parking agreement with the township.

“This is the cart so far ahead of the horse,” said Reeve Brent Devolin said a December 2016 council meeting. “There’s a lot of water to go under the bridge before I think we’d consider this on any level.”

Devolin said the township needed documentation, including drawings, before councillors would be in any position to make any decisions.

A Twitter account that had been set up for Minden Hills Theatre was last active in February.

During its heyday from the 1950s to the 1990s, the Beaver Theatre was owned and operated by Lou and Molly Conksy, who also owned the Molou Theatre in Haliburton village and a movie theatre in Fenelon Falls.

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Toeing the line at the Highland Yard

Runners hit the pavement in Minden on Aug. 6 for the annual Highland Yard. The event, which features 10-, five- and two-kilometre road races, is a fundraiser for affordable housing organization Places for People.

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For more information, visit www.redcross.ca/gethelp or call 1-800-863-6582.

Art tour offers many delights

Local potter Renee Woltz was a guest at Jane Selbie's studio on the Tour de Forest summer studio tour last weekend. Woltz has a studio between Minden and Haliburton where she creates intricate stoneware and raku pottery. Woltz has been creating pottery for 40 years, becoming more focused on the craft six years ago when she retired to the Highlands. You can find her work at the Rails End Gallery, Ethel Curry Gallery and Meta4 in Port Perry.

/JENN WATT Staff



Reinspections a positive first step: MacInnes

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MacInnes and the CHA recommend a type-four approach, which he says typically finds 45 to 50 per cent of systems need some form of remediation.

However, while he recommends a type-four inspection, he says any form of reinspection is a good step forward for a municipality.

"We believe that the problem is so urgent that all four municipalities should be doing a septic reinspection program," he said. "The one that we recommend is number four, but we're happy that three of them are starting."

Minden Hills has yet to create a reinspection plan, but chief building official Colin McKnight says that one is currently in the works, and council is currently deciding which type of plan to use and how it would fit into a budget.

Highlands East recently created a mandatory inspection program that will see two engineering students go to each required property and get the resident to complete a survey – a type-two inspection based on MacInnes's standards.

Highlands East chief building official Laurie Devolin said the municipality chose a type-two method because, "it's not intrusive. What we want to know is if there are major issues." Devolin said the problem with getting all the septic tanks pumped out – the type-four plan that MacInnes recommends – is that you have to get the septic pumped somewhere.

She added that if properties the municipality surveys are flagged for having substandard tanks, they will be pumped.

According to MacInnes, Algonquin Highlands has hired a consultant to deal with the issue of septic reinspections, and has developed a type-three plan that is close to being complete, which the municipality hopes to start next spring.

Dysart et al's council and environmental committee has recently supported a type-four inspection plan, which would see every waterfront property have their tank inspected when it's full, then inspected after being pumped out.

"It's really a very thorough approach," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"I think it's the right thing to do in the long run ... If you're going to do it you should try to do things the best you can."

Now that this plan has been supported, Dysart's next step is finding a location for a facility where the raw sewage from the pump outs can be inspected and treated.

Fearrey says the town is now doing environmental assessments on its property and also reaching out to the private sector to search for potential locations for the facility.

While MacInnes says the plan Dysart has in place is "identical" to what the CHA recommends, he's happy with the plans of each municipality.

"We're thrilled with [Dysart's plan], but we're also thrilled that Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands and now it looks like Minden Hills are all going to head in that direction. Every journey starts with the first step, so we're really happy that they're all taking that first step," he said.

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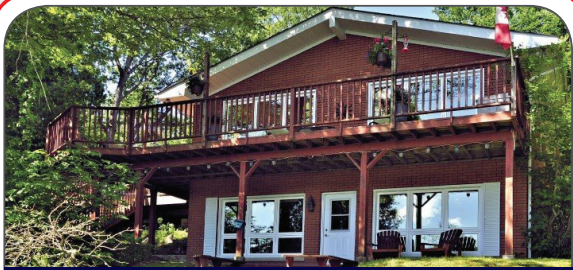
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Please explain

ONCE IT HIT the media, it took exactly a week for the strange saga of the trademarking of the word “Haliburton” by a local man for commercial purposes to come to a conclusion.

Luckily, this conclusion did not include any legal action, and therefore did not cost county taxpayers any money.

After the story was picked up nationally, last Wednesday, the trademark holder, following discussions with representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, announced he was irrevocably assigning the rights to and future interests in the trademark to the County of Haliburton, then delivered a letter to the county expressing same.

It was a wise decision that put a quick end to what could have been a long and messy situation.

That the situation is resolved, however, does not erase the fact that it happened, or that the federal government, responsible for the error that allowed the trademark to be approved in the first place, took no accountability for the error.

As was written in this space last week, trademarking the names of places is not supposed to be allowed under Canadian law:

“You may not register a word that uses a geographical location known to be the place where goods and services come from. Allowing you to use such place names as part of your trademark would mean you are the only one who

can use the geographical term, and that would be unfair to others.”

Still, this particular application, which requested the trademark “Haliburton” on a host of consumer goods – athletic apparel, casual clothing, caps, children’s clothing, pillows, cushions, towels, blankets, beverage containers, cooler bags, lighters, key fobs, dairy products, etc. – was approved anyway.

As Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale pointed out, a simple Google search should

have indicated to the reviewing officer, presumably unfamiliar with the community, that Haliburton is, in fact, a place.

It’s a community that is home to thousands of people, many of whom did not appreciate that the name of their home was able to be successfully

trademarked for commercial purposes.

Requests by Schmale to the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development that the approval be reviewed and reversed were rebuked by the ministry. The county was essentially told that it was on its own and that it may have to resort to legal action.

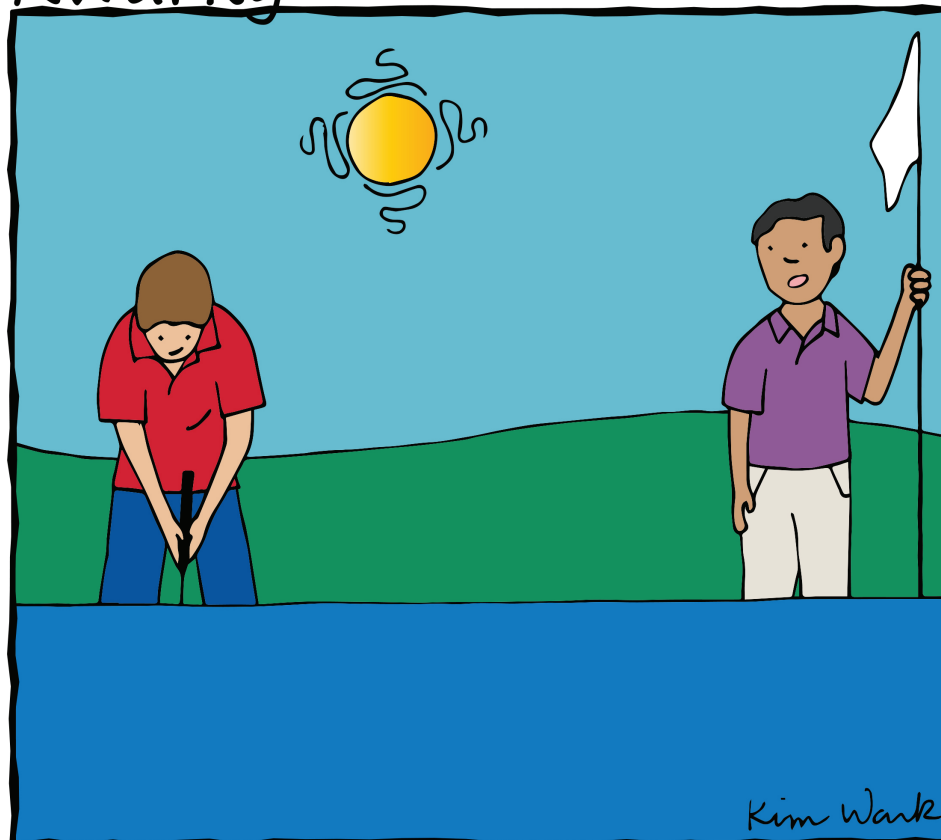
Luckily, a community-made solution was achieved.

County Warden Brent Devolin has said he will continue to push the issue through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Eastern Wardens’ Caucus, as he most certainly should.

This community deserves an explanation from the federal government as to how this happened.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky



Kim Wank

“I’m noticing more water hazards this year.”

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THIS MORNING I woke up and did what I’m fairly sure every person in Ontario did. I called the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry hotline and checked to see if I was successful in the antlerless draw for deer.

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But, honestly, it’s not that big a deal. Really it isn’t. I frequently go without antlerless tags.

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Frankly, I’m not worried about me at all. I filled my buck tag last year. I’ll do it again this year.

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Listen, as soon as the bucks of Ontario get wind of this, the remainder of their year is going to be hell.

“OMG! Galea is going to hunt us this year,” they’ll say.

And then the huge trophy bucks will laugh, chime in and respond, “I think you mean Galea is going to hunt you. We’re completely safe.”

And this is true.

Some hunters specialize in taking big trophy bucks, but I happen to think that this is far too cliché. That’s why, when I hunt bucks, I typically only focus on the mediocre ones, with antlers six spindly points or smaller.

Right now, you can be sure that the word

is getting out wherever small bucks with twig-like antlers gather. There’s probably a general anxiety that is now passing through their ranks as each immediately races to a place where they can find nutritious food that have the minerals designed to increase antler growth quickly. For they know that if they are to be missed or alerted by some bonehead move I pull on a hunt, it will be because they have a remarkable set of antlers.

A good set of antlers is insurance against wearing any tag I have in my wallet and all deer know this.

All you have to do is look at the deer I have tagged over the years to see this. The only truly big-antlered deer I have ever shot was in Saskatchewan and that’s because these rules do not apply outside the province. Also, not to make excuses, but it was an honest mistake on my part.

I like hunting smaller bucks for the simple reason that, unlike bigger bucks, they always walk by me first. Make no mistake,

however, shooting a small buck with antlers that do not impress anyone in the least, is no easy matter. For one thing, their bodies are smaller so they present a tougher target.

For another thing, they typically walk just ahead of the huge trophy buck I never see until after I have taken the shot and hit the smaller buck in the vitals. Again, that’s not easy for anyone.

Look, I’m not saying that I am happy I didn’t get an antlerless tag. In truth, I would have preferred one since that would have allowed me not to be so selective.

But the truth is all the money in the world will not change this.

And this fall, I will have no doe.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Personalities versus news

THE ERA OF the personality cult finally appears to be ended at CBC's *The National*.

The daily 10 p.m. news program will replace, as expected, the saintly but boring Peter Mansbridge with four anchors. The hope is that the change brings a much overdue freshness to the failing newscast.

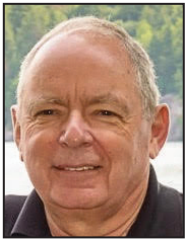
The Mansbridge personality cult ended earlier this summer with the man's retirement as chief news anchor after 29 years. During those three decades *The National's* credibility, and its audience, sank steadily.

The National viewership over the last year averaged 866,000 compared with 1.3 million for the *CTV National News*.

Alternating four anchors carries risks, but risks are needed for *The National* to have any hope of regaining its former stature. *The National* has been with us in one form or another since the early 1950s.

The chosen four all carry journalistic credentials, which in recent years CBC has considered less important than high profile personalities. Mansbridge had no serious journalistic qualifications while other stars such as Amanda Lang, Rex Murphy, Jian Ghomeshi and Evan Solomon, got themselves into pickles by forgetting that straight, unbiased reporting takes precedence over being seen as a star.

Both Adrienne Arseneault, the CBC's senior correspondent, and Rosemary Barton, host of *Power and Politics*, have excellent journalistic credentials. Ian Hanomansing, often seen anchoring on CBC, and Andrew Chang, a CBC Vancouver local news anchor, have journalistic experience but are viewed more as presenters.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Chang will anchor from Vancouver, Barton from Ottawa and Arseneault and Hanomansing from Toronto. The CBC brass says the anchors will take turns reporting from the field.

CBC news chief Jennifer McGuire says *The National* will have more digital focus, whatever that means, plus more original journalism, insight and analysis.

The Toronto journalistic literati chimes in with other thoughts on what is needed: background, context, investigative reporting.

Those are all clichés and weary buzzwords that the journalism elite have been using for years.

The National, and most other news outfits, need a new journalism that tells people more besides something has happened. People know something happened immediately after it happens. They get it from hundreds of news sources: Twitter, Facebook, other internet sources, radio, television, newspapers, word of mouth.

They need to know how what happened connects with their lives and what it says about the society in which they are living.

An important need for *The National*, and much of Canadian journalism in general, is diversity. Not diversity in such things as colour, nationality and sex. We are a reasonably advanced and tolerant society moving forward in understanding diversity in race and sexual orientation. What we are lacking is knowledge and understanding related to our geographic diversity.

Our national news media is not reporting enough on how people in the regions are living their lives. What are their successes, aspirations, troubles and fears? What are their stories and how do they relate to our overall society?

News media spending cutbacks have created huge black news holes across Canada. Knowledge and understanding of other regions are sinking like houses consumed by a Florida sinkhole.

Local news operations, notably the weekly newspapers, are covering their communities but national outfits such as news services, TV and radio networks and the larger dailies have cut back cross-country coverage. Too much news focus today is on the urban areas, particularly Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa and Montreal. We need to know more about the lives of people in less urban areas such as Nelson, B.C., Biggar, Sask., and Oromocto, N.B.

Diversifying its anchor team is a good first step toward *The National* returning to prominence. Hopefully the anchors and their news teams will follow the simple rules for news gathering excellence: Be curious and ask simple questions without being obnoxious or putting yourself into the spotlight. Observe and report clearly without bias.

Those are the traits of the best journalists I have encountered. Interestingly, many of those have come from the Atlantic provinces where personality cults appear to be less important. Maritimers and Newfoundlanders have a "down home" way of recognizing a good story and knowing how to tell it.

The National could use a bit of that.

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Listen to your body

UP UNTIL December 2016, I taught spinning classes on a regular basis for 12 years. In that time I saw many changes to an activity that I loved with all of my heart. When Johnny G developed the original program in the mid '90s it was meant to be for everyone, as in all fitness levels. This is excerpt from a book he wrote:

"I based the program on a philosophy that would level the playing field – no elimination of the weak for the strong, no qualifying, no fear of rejection, no competing with anyone but yourself. Since each participant is responsible for his or her own degree of exertion (a refreshing change after the last two decades in which the trainer ran the show), beginners and advanced students train side by side as individuals. And yet they still get the rewards of being in a pack, which includes the satisfaction of inspiring or being inspired by another person."

That was the magic of the spinning class, and that was the way I taught every one of my classes for all of those years. Sadly, the program isn't taught in the same manner everywhere. Recently there was an article in the *New York Times* titled "As Workouts

Intensify, a Harmful Side Effect Grows More Common." The harmful side effect is known as rhabdomyolysis. According to the article, it is a rare but life-threatening condition often caused by extreme exercise. The examples of cases provided in the article were all spin class related. This makes me very sad. This is because the intensification of this fitness activity is scaring away people who could benefit from participating in the classes.

One of the reasons I stopped teaching spin classes was that it was changing and I found it a battle to convince people that it didn't need to be a "suffer-fest." In my opinion, no fitness

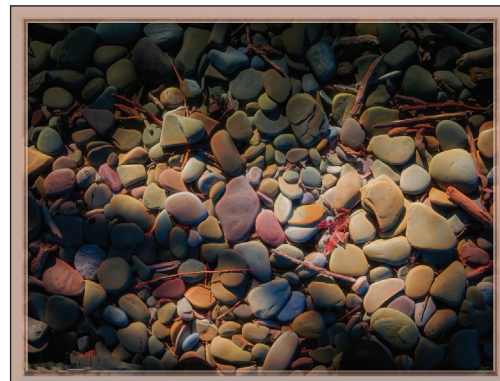
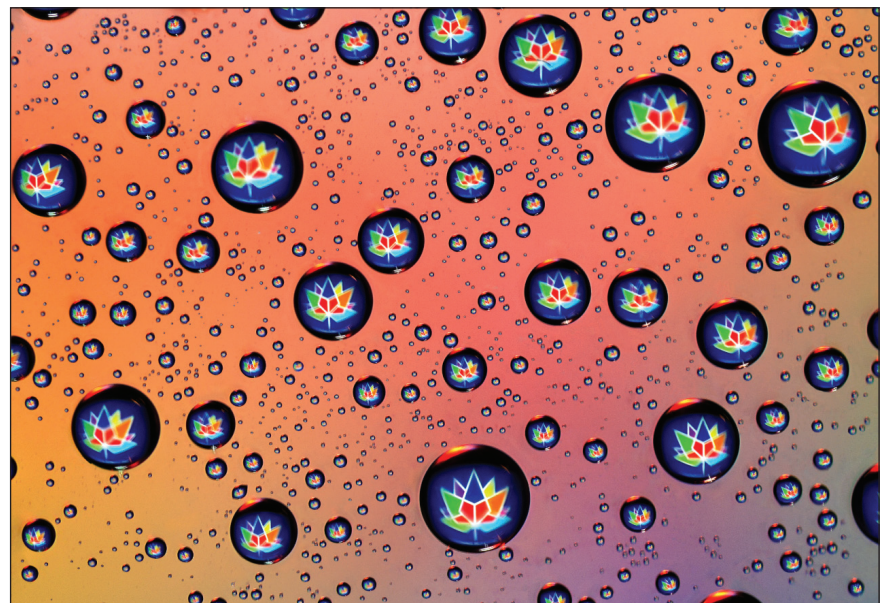
activity should make you feel anything but empowered. Please make that your goal if/when you step into any fitness class. No one knows your body as well as you do. That is the bottom line. Please listen to your body and do what is best for you.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of *The Point for Fitness*: www.the-pointforfitness.com.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness



Camera club gets creative

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club regularly holds competitions. Here are the top three in the most recent pictorial category.

First Intermediate and Overall Winner: "Canada 150th Bubbles" by Dave Dennis, above.

First Advanced: "Pebbles" by Fred Pyziak, bottom left.

First Novice: "Beauty beneath the bridge" by Heather Welham, left.

Images in the pictorial category can be any subject and must have been taken within the last five years.

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. Next meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. See the website at highlandscameraclub.ca for details.

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Former MPP named justice of the peace

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Former Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson has been named an Ontario justice of the peace.

According to the Ministry of the Attorney General, Johnson is one of 25 new justices of the peace announced in late July.

He will serve in the Ontario Court of Justice in Oshawa and was scheduled to begin his new position on Aug. 9.

A professional musician and former chairman of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Johnson was the Liberal MPP between 2009 and 2011, after defeating then-Progressive Conservative leader John Tory

in a by-election.

Tory did not have a seat in Queen's Park at the time and local PC MPP Laurie Scott vacated her seat to allow Tory to run in a by-election in the riding.

Johnson then lost the seat back to Scott in the 2011 provincial election and ran unsuccessfully against her in the 2014.

Johnson, who currently sits on Durham College's board of governors, has held various positions within government and since 2014, has worked as a senior consultant with Toronto's Capital Hill Group, a government relations and lobbying firm.

"Respecting criminal law, justices of the peace preside over virtually all judicial interim release (bail) hearings in the province

and the majority of criminal remand courts," reads the ministry website. "They also preside over other criminal hearings. They receive informations (the document which commences a criminal proceeding), confirm or consider the issuance of process by either a summons or a warrant and are responsible for receiving and considering the denial or issuance of search warrants and other matters of criminal process."

Regulations also state that, "on appointment, a justice of the peace must cease other employment and refrain from any political activity."

Ontario justices of the peace do not require a legal background.

"The justice of the peace bench is a lay

bench," the ministry website reads. "There is no requirement that a candidate for the position have legal training or experience in the justice system. As a result, justices of the peace have varied educational, business and community backgrounds. All new justices of the peace, regardless of background, go through a rigorous training and mentoring program prior to presiding on their own."

Justices of the peace are paid \$131,000 a year.

A shortage of justices of the peace in the province's Central East district has led to provincial offence proceedings at the Minden courthouse to be suspended for a year – from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 – with those proceedings taking place in Lindsay instead.



Raising funds for fun summer experience

Far left, Nicki Dollo grills up some grub at a barbecue fundraiser for Camp POM outside Dollo's Foodland on Aug. 3. Camp POM is a volunteer-run camping experience that takes place at the Kinark Centre. It supports alternative and augmentative communication for people with complex communication needs (non-verbal). Camp takes place Aug. 24 to 28, with some 20 families attending from Canada and the U.S.

Left, Bethan McCutcheon collects donations.

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Sebastian Havill, now 11 weeks old, was the recipient of what is believed to be the world's first in-utero surgery to treat his heart condition on May 18. Sebastian visited West Guilford and Minden a few weekends ago to visit his grandparents. /PHOTO SUBMITTED

Grandmother recounts in-utero surgical procedure on baby's heart

by ROBERT MACKENZIE
Times Staff

After a groundbreaking medical procedure, more than a week in the hospital and a mini press tour, Kristine Barry and Christopher Havill were finally able to bring their newborn Sebastian Havill up to Haliburton to meet his family.

Barry, 25, grew up in West Guilford and Havill, 27, moved to Minden when he was entering Grade 10. The two met in their senior year at HHSS and have been together for eight years ever since.

Havill's mother, Sandra Heywood, was at her home in Minden when she first heard about the life-threatening heart condition the couple's baby was diagnosed with.

"I think originally when they started talking about it we didn't realize it was as severe as it was," Heywood said. "It's kind of heartbreaking because as a parent you're there with your kid and they're getting this awful news and there's nothing you can do to help them."

In January, an ultrasound revealed that Sebastian suffered from a severe form of transposition of the great arteries (TGA), a rare disease where the two arteries that connect to a heart are switched, which prevents a baby from receiving oxygen once he or she is born.

Sebastian, now 11 weeks old, was born May 23, but had already made history five days earlier after receiving what is believed to be the first ever balloon atrial septoplasty surgery performed in utero to treat his heart defect.

Sebastian is one of five to seven per cent of babies with a congenital heart defect affected by TGA. But unlike others, both walls in Sebastian's heart were closed shut, which would have further prevented his blood from receiving oxygen after birth.

Because of this, doctors devised a plan to perform the balloon procedure that is normally done after birth while Sebastian was still in his mother's uterus. Without this procedure, Dr. Rajiv Chaturvedi, a cardiologist at the Hospital for Sick Children, said in a press release that doctors would have only had about three minutes to open Sebastian's heart at birth before he became at risk for stroke, brain damage and even death.

"At the time it didn't really occur to us how groundbreaking this procedure was and how much it would help other babies in the future and what it meant for medicine in gen-

eral," Barry said. "Now thinking about it we're quite proud of Sebastian and what he was able to do."

Both Barry and Havill's parents were helpful from the time of Sebastian's diagnosis all the way to his birth. "They were very supportive, they were good at asking questions to clarify exactly what the procedure would be," Barry said. Heywood remembers sitting in the Sick Kids waiting room with Barry's mother, Sharon, during Sebastian's balloon procedure. Heywood says she and Sharon kept glancing at the screen that lists the patients and the operating rooms they're in, waiting to see if Barry, B (B for Baby) was moved to a different operating room than Barry, K, which would have meant that something went wrong and an emergency delivery was required.

But in the end, the procedure went as planned. Five days later Sebastian was born at Mount Sinai Hospital and was later sent to Sick Kids for open heart surgery that corrected his heart condition.

Heywood says that it was her son and daughter-in-law's positivity throughout the process that helped her and the family deal with the situation. "It's like they had blinders on and this was going to be all right and they never strayed from that thought. They were just completely focused ... and it kind of rubbed off on us."

Just a few weekends ago, Sebastian made a trip to his parents' old stomping grounds and went for his first ever camping trip at his grandparents' campsite on Kelly Lake near the Haliburton Forest. Barry said the camping wasn't too lively, as Sebastian slept most of the time. "The fresh air really made him go to sleep," she said.

Sebastian also made a stop in Minden that weekend to see his other grandmother, although Heywood says she has driven down to Barrie to see her grandson almost every weekend since he was given a clean bill of health and returned home.

Since his birth, Sebastian has been featured on CBC, Global, CTV and in the *Toronto Star*, along with being the cover boy for the hospital's latest news magazine. Heywood has recorded his TV appearances and is laminating all the articles he appears in.

"I'm watching the news reports like 'oh my God, I can't believe it.' It's shocking that all of that took place, and I don't even know what words to use," Heywood said. "Look at him, he's awesome ... It's amazing, he's amazing."

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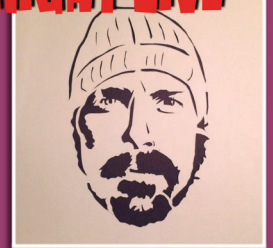


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At 64, Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame's latest inductee Ted Wilkins of Kinmount showed he can still rip on his custom hill climbing motorcycle last year. He still has the No. 1 plate from when he won the AMA Hill Climbing championship title in 1999./DARREN LUM Staff

Resident inducted into Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It's been a long time since Kinmount's Ted Wilkins rode around on his homemade motorcycle, powered by a chainsaw in a bicycle frame.

He never knew it would be the beginning of a lifelong love affair with motorcycling and the start to a respectable competitive hill climbing career in the 1990s, highlighted with a 1999 hill climbing overall title on the American Motorcyclist Association pro circuit and his induction to the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

Wilkins, married father of two grown children, is in disbelief about joining the 100 of the greatest of all time. Inductees have been named since 2006.

The retired Fleming College instructor appreciated the recognition for his racing and wrenching.

"It's an honour for sure," he said.

He will be inducted with 10 other riders and industry representatives at the 12th annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Reunion on Nov. 4 at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel. Although his mother, Mary, is proud of her son, she won't be making the trip. Wilkins is making sure there are places for his wife Bonnie, his son Aaron and daughter Kayla and their spouses at the table.

The induction ceremony isn't without work for Wilkins, who is responsible for collecting photos, videos, writing an acceptance speech and transporting his hill climbing motorcycle to Toronto, as part of an exhibit about his career. He heard at the last ceremony there were close to 300. Although he is fine with competing in front of thousands, the idea of giving a speech in front of a large crowd makes him nervous.

He's finding it difficult to write a speech for the ceremony. However when asked to describe himself, Wilkins said, laughing, he is an "Ontario backwoods guy."

He first became enamoured with motorcycles as a boy when he saw the mini-bike advertisements on the back page of his comics. What his family lacked in money he more than made up for with his resourcefulness and determination. He taught himself how to ride, referencing *Dirt Bike Magazine*.

The idea to build his own motorcycle came from a visit with his cousin when he was 13.

While at a parking lot, Wilkins saw a boy with his dad, who

used a lawn mower engine to build a motorcycle.

"I thought, 'oh, I could do that too.' So, I went home and did it," he said. "But I didn't have any brakes on mine. It was a secondary thought. We'll get it going first and then we'll worry about brakes. I think it went for three years. We never did have brakes."

He and his brother saved their allowance to buy a wheelbarrow wheel and wedged it into the frame.

They spent hours every day riding it. He cannot imagine that happening now. That motorcycle could be heard for miles away.

Wilkins loves the freedom of riding and how he can make a connection with the motorcycle.

"You're controlling the mechanical thing, but it's like a part of you ... in a way you're in total control, but you've got to be part of the bike. It's also like part of you," he said, adding it doesn't matter where or what particular type of bike.

Driving was something he always did growing up. He started when he could barely reach the pedals. It was something he did around the family farm in Nestleton, near Port Perry, to help with the harvest of hay.

When it comes to his bike, he didn't do it alone. He credits Steve Harrison of Harrison Powersports in Peterborough with his engine work, Mark Newman (now of Florida) for his help in competing in the early years, his brother Bill, who helped the last two years, including the overall title winning season.

His interest in competing started with motocross racing during the 1970s, which translated to hill climbing, competing at the now defunct Bill's Hills event in Wilberforce in the early-1980s at 30. The short distance made it convenient to compete.

He ended up competing with the pro riders in 1989. The start in pro was challenging and sobering those first few years. It took a new engine to break free from the back of the pack.

In his first competition with his newly built motorcycle and engine, which still needed to break-in prior to competing, he finished third at York, Pennsylvania, at the White Rose Motorcycle Club competition.

"I got third place and I probably got a couple hundred bucks or more. I got a case of beer and trophy. I went, 'wow, that's wicked,'" he said.

His custom bike was ridden from 1990 to 2000 and earned him event wins and the 1999 hill climbing overall title, which demanded tireless effort with his brother Bill.

"We were working on it every week in between races to make sure it was ready. I don't know. It all worked that year. Luck and

everything. It came right down to the last race and I got it by one point," he said.

He said if he had more money for the bike, the results would have been even better. However, this never took away the enjoyment he experienced competing.

When the American Motorcyclist Association had his custom-made hill climbing motorcycle grandfathered along with his name it pretty much cemented his legacy.

Wilkins said it's nice to be included with an induction group in the hall of fame that includes engine builder Nick Kemp, who was in the same class with him for motorcycle mechanics training at Centennial College decades before.

Wilkins was nominated by friend and motorcyclist Allan Robertson of Carnarvon, who submitted the paperwork and photos to the hall of fame. The highlight of his package is how the 1995 AMA official rulebook for equipment standards includes Wilkins and his engine.

It states in part: Engines used in Professional Hill climb meets will utilize only production based Motorcycle engines. Motorcycles using engines from sources other than motorcycles will not be allowed, with the exception of one 540cc snowmobile engine and clutch owned and ridden by Ted Wilkins of Kinmount, Ont., Canada, that has been used prior to the rule change. This engine and clutch will be permitted to be used in Hill climbs as long as owned and ridden by Wilkins."

Wilkins taught computers and mathematics after working for IBM in the late-1970s. He later grew tired of the city and moved to Kinmount where he returned to his first love and worked as a bike mechanic at Lindsay Cycle. Thereafter he taught at Fleming.

The one constant in his life has been motorcycling. He received recognition for his racing and appeared in magazines for his motorcycle building.

"I've always been a motorcyclist. You know I worked in bike shops and raced. I did the hill climbing for 15 years and probably 11 of those years was on the bike I built. I built bikes, restored bikes. To get accepted is like, holy. I got a No. 1 plate once. There are lots of guys out there that won lots of No. 1 plates ... I guess I got it because I did it on a bike I built and a bike they tried to ban," he said.

He's been retired for 11 years. Despite retirement, he's as busy as ever with repair work, he said. He jokes that he may have to "subcontract" some of his retirement.

"One person can't have all this fun," he said.

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Horseshoe Lake in lights

The long weekend was celebrated on Horseshoe Lake with fireworks and the fourth annual "Horseshoe Lake in Lights" boat parade. Sixteen boats, decked out in lights, participated in the event that started at dusk and circumnavigated the lake.

"I originally had the idea after seeing lights on the yachts in Newport Beach, California," said boat parade founder Kathy Donaldson. "Then one night at my bridge game four years ago, I mused about how we could do something similar here."

"Everyone was eager to 'Haliburtonize' the idea."

Two weeks after that original bridge game, the first parade took place—after a run on outdoor lights at the local hardware store. It became an immediate tradition after the original six boats took part. Kathy reflected, "When we went around the lake the first year, people ran down to find out what was going on."

Now, four years later with many more boats in tow, there were eager cottagers waving lights from shore. Cathy considered the parade a success, "This year was great because there were so many people with flash lights and decorative lights—and even fireworks—on their docks. People were all set up and waiting for us!"

To participate next year, meet "at the big rock" on Horseshoe Lake at dusk on the Sunday of the Civic Day weekend. All are welcome!

Submitted by Heather Young



Fireworks off the Donaldson dock signalled the start of the parade. Photo by Kent Paterson



Seeing is believing

The grand opening of Troy Optical was held on Saturday, Aug. 5. It featured a Zoo to You reptile show, barbecue and ribbon cutting. Donations went to support the Minden Food Bank. Troy Optical is at 12621 Highway 35 in Minden beside Subway restaurant. From left, Jaeden English (staff Troy Optical), Jean Neville (Councillor Minden Hills), Jeanne Anthon (Councillor, Minden Hills), Pam Sayne (Councillor, Minden Hills), Troy English (owner Troy Optical), Ron Nesbitt (Councillor Minden Hills), Linda Watson (staff at Troy Optical), Skye Misco (staff at Troy Optical). /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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Quantum Passivhaus owners Angie and Abby Xerri of Minden stand in front of their model home, located at 9 Highland Gate in Minden, expecting it to be the first of many homes and buildings built to the Passive House standard.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Local builder provides Passive House

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When Minden's Marci Mandel and her husband Alan Clark were considering a home for their golden years they never thought of the Passive House standard until a local builder started offering the service, steps from family living in Minden's downtown.

"We first learned about Quantum Passivhaus when they introduced themselves to the community. We own a property next door where Alan's mother lives so we were curious what business was going in," Mandel wrote in an email.

Quantum Passivhaus (quantumpassivhaus.com/about-us) is a new design and building company that was started this year to bring the Passive House standard to the Highlands and the province. It is run by Minden couple Abby and Angie Xerri, who are raising their two children here.

Passive House (PassivHaus in German) concept is a voluntary approach to building homes that adheres to a set of stringent energy efficient standards that offers improved air quality, low costs related to heating and cooling which was started in Germany and known as PassivHaus there. The idea was modelled from the Saskatchewan Conservation House. It featured airtightness, five times the insulation of homes of that time and a heat recovery system, which was designed and built by a team led by Canadian Harold Orr in 1977. The building was contracted by Saskatoon's provincial government because of the energy crisis related to skyrocketing oil prices. It was sold two years later, but helped to lead to a change in insulation standards and influenced the construction of R-2000 (developed by Natural Resources Canada) homes – certification that ensures a home is built to be energy-efficient with high levels of insulation and possess features for clean air and considerations to protect the environment.

There are Passive House built structures around the world, mainly in Europe with a few in North America. There are close to 30,000 built and this includes single-family dwellings, multi-unit residences, commercial and institutional. So far the Minden-based company has nine projects.

The Xerri said when building they consider seven main elements: the insulation factor, the shape factor, which ideally is to have less surface area; reducing the chance for thermal bridging; properties of the windows and doors made to "high energy standard;" the

home's use of a mechanical ventilation system (required for air tight homes), the Energy Recovery Ventilation system, which is also known as an air heat exchanger that removes the interior air with fresh air from outside and it manages humidity and keeps it at a comfortable level; foundation that protects from heat loss and moisture build up; the solar orientation, and air tightness that rivals the R-2000 homes.

The company is located at 8 Peck St. and has nine full time staff members (as of a few weeks ago). This location is fully capable of being able to make the walls, framing, sheeting and insulation. They hope to also offer training and education, teaching the concept from the location in their front area. Close to 35 architects, home builders and designers from the Greater Toronto Area made the trip up to Minden to visit the company location and the under-construction model home at 9 Highland Gate Boulevard, as part of a day-long tour organized by Passive House Canada (www.passivehousecanada.com) that included stops at Passive House certified buildings such as the Swegon ERV plant and a residence, both in Innisfil back in June. This tour and seminar offering was organized by the not-for-profit association Passive House Canada that advocates for, trains and educates about the Passive House standard. This association, which started as Canadian Passive House Institute West in 2013 and became Passive House Canada in 2016, boasts Passive House buildings consume up to 90 per cent less heating and cooling energy than conventional buildings.

Abby acknowledges the model home, which features greater insulation, thicker walls and windows (partially shielded from the sun from above by an overhang, but not straight on so it can still gain heat in the winter, doors that seal perfectly. The model home does not perfectly adhere to the Passive House concept since it has just one single floor and has a small envelope, does not completely face south (although this is not a "huge requirement"). However the building still yielded impressive results for not having a heat system this winter. The average, he said, was from 16 to 18 degrees Celsius despite the feeling it was warmer than the measured temperature due to the environment and the humidity level. The model house is a one-floor home, measuring 1,596 square foot of interior space and 1,932 square foot of exterior space. The budget for the home is \$345,000. The Xerri and their two young children are expected to move in later this

summer. Quantum's owners said the heat and cooling savings make up for the initial pay out related to the high quality and well-engineered walls, doors, and windows imported from Austria, which feature greater thickness and the ability to prevent heat loss with multiple points of sealing.

The Minden company designed the house in adherence to the PHPP (Passive House Planning Program) – once a design is completed it is run through the PHPP, which provides information about how to build the home pertaining to details such as specific wall thickness and how to eliminate "thermal bridging" by choosing the correct doors and windows to conform with the specific area.

In the company's marketing literature, the house's heating cost is \$164 a year to maintain 20 degrees Celsius. This three-bedroom home boasts a variety of features from it being fully accessible home with its "curb-less showers" to very strong R values – a measurement of insulation. It boasts a roof with 100 R value, walls with an R value of 79 and a floor with an R value of 60 that outclass conventional components.

The initial intention for Mandel and Clark was to build a home with the philosophy of The Not So Big House, as promoted by Sarah Susanka, which Mandel characterizes as "have less and enjoy it more." Their original plan for a home included using the southern exposure to take advantage of passive energy, but it did not consider Passive House. Mandel said after learning about the Passive House concept she felt "like this was the answer to my dreams."

"I talked further with Abby and Angie Xerri and knew this was the way to build to be respectful to the earth and our great-great-grandchildren. We need to be thinking long term and building sustainably, and not relying on natural resources if we want a world our great-great-grandchildren will flourish in," she said. "This style of building may cost more up front but quality and intimacy are what we value. Quantum Passivhaus, a local business we are thrilled to support, are the type of people – from top to bottom – we are so excited to work and design with. We have complete trust in their style of business and the product they are bringing to our community. For a new build, this was the best option that fit with our values and style."

By making the components of the house off-site, it prevents construction delays related to weather and to meet schedules. From design to completion, a home can be built from 10 to 15 weeks, Abby said.

Angie is credited with bringing up the idea to Abby, but can't remember where she learned of the concept. It didn't take too much convincing for Abby, who saw the benefits for the environment and the reduced cost of heating and cooling, particularly for our community. He said in regards to the challenges meeting heating costs was a primary motivator.

"When Angie brought that to me that was one of our focuses. The more I was seeing this I was like it's got to be crazy to have a house that doesn't require a heat system," he said. "But then on top of that it gives you all these measurable high quality conditions of air quality, thermal and comfort. We were just thinking: how do we do this now?"

Angie said this concept is well-suited to the area because of its effectiveness to operate off-the-grid. However Minden has proven to be challenging relative to other areas, particularly when compared to places in British Columbia where winter is not as harsh. With Passive House, Angie said the walls feature a cellulose characteristic that enables the passage of air and humidity to keep them free of moisture.

"With our cold we have to watch for hygrothermal modelling – it's making sure that there is not a dew point in your walls so there is never moisture in your walls," Angie said. "So that makes sure that in winter there isn't any water condensing in your walls and providing opportunity for mould."

This approach extends to under the roof where there is an opportunity for airflow.

Abby said the company wants to collaborate with other trades people and professionals interested in building. Angie pointed out their business is fully capable of building a "turn key" home made from beginning to end, or can just sell a package and the components specific to the location for other home builders to complete a structure according to the Passive House standards dependant on the client and their needs.

What remains the focus of the company, Abby said, is to be able to provide affordable and quality homes for retirees. He's confident in offering this new approach to building, which will benefit.

"The biggest thing for us is we've put a lot of due diligence and assembled a great team to be able to bring this type of innovation and home to anyone relatively anywhere and we've done that by achieving price points, timelines and a construction and design standard that has no compromises," he said.



August Moon fills river with light
People gather on Loggers' Crossing bridge to watch lanterns float their way down the Gull River during Festival of the August Moon in Minden on Aug. 5.



Partipants of Festival of the August Moon watch their lanterns drift down the Gull River in Minden the evening of Aug. 5. The festival is based on a Japanese custom of releasing painted lanterns in honour of lost loves ones. The event also included dancing, storytelling and cuisine.

Families make their way across Loggers' Crossing bridge to light their lanterns.



Families paint lanterns outside the Wild Swan B&B.

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Fighting wildfires on Dragon Mountain

by **ROBERT MACKENZIE**
Times Staff

Chris Giatti was on one of his few days off when he was told he'd be heading out to British Columbia to help fight the province's ongoing wildfires.

Giatti, a 23-year-old fire ranger at Haliburton's Fire Management headquarters, is one of 24 fire staff from the county that have been sent to B.C. amidst their state of emergency.

When he arrived to Quesnel, B.C., on July 11, Giatti and his three crew members were sent to Dragon Mountain to fight off a fire that he says covered almost 600 hectares of land.

"When we got over there you could definitely see that they were in a state of emergency," he said.

When the Haliburton crews first arrived to their accommodations at the University of Northern British Columbia, there were about five evacuees staying in the gym, according to Giatti. By the time he left the province, Giatti says the entire gym was filled with evacuees, so much so that the fire rangers had

to be shuttled into the town to take showers.

While there were fires throughout the province, the fire Giatti was working on was labelled as priority because of its close proximity to the city of Quesnel. Giatti said he could see the fire from the highway entering the city and that flames off the trees were probably as high as 100 feet tall.

Giatti said that fires like that sound like a freight train. "It sounds like a train just running through everything. It's crazy, you hear trees falling but it's got its own life to it. It's pumping through and it's turning everything to carbon, it's so much energy."

The five crews working on the fire from Haliburton, Sudbury and Chapleau, Ont., were tasked with providing an "initial attack" on the Dragon Mountain fire – they were the first ones on the line and had to establish a water source to deal with the fire.

Last week, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's northeast region spokesperson Shayne McCool told the paper that Ontario fire rangers were particularly skilled at moving water from large bodies to areas of need. Giatti says that the crews working on Dragon Mountain created large dams

in nearby creeks in order to have enough water to power their high-pressure pumps.

Giatti returned to Haliburton on July 28, as other crews from Haliburton were sent out to B.C. Fire rangers are only allowed to spend a maximum of 19 days out of province, and require two off days immediately following those consecutive days of work. Because of this, the 12 crews in Haliburton's headquarters have been cycling between working in the county, B.C. and rest days.

"It looked like everyone was definitely tired when they were coming back. They definitely needed the two days rest," Giatti said.

B.C. announced they were in a state of emergency July 7. Since that time, Ontario has sent more than 300 fire staff out west to help control the fire, along with supplying extra fire hose and pump kits

"They'll send us out like they send out pumps and that's what it should be because we're malleable," Giatti said. "We can go over there and we can work like dogs and we can stay here and we work like dogs, which I think we all like to do."

A Mississauga native, Giatti has been working at the Haliburton fire headquarters for the past three years after studying in the firefighting and fire life and safety systems technician programs at Durham College.

Giatti says that when he was in college bush firefighting was one thing that stuck with him, which is a reason why he applied to be a fire ranger.

"It's a different type of firefighting, but I love hard work so I love it," he said.



Fire ranger Chris Giatti was one of 24 fire staff from Haliburton's fire management headquarters to be sent to B.C. to fight the province's ongoing wildfires. /ROBERT MACKENZIE Staff

Now that he's had his two days of rest, Giatti says he's ready to go back to B.C. if needed.

"I would really like to go out there and help out again. I feel like your efforts are most valued out there and you can definitely see that from all the scratches on your feet and all your blisters getting opened up," he said. "You just want to go out there and help the people most in need."

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING VACANT LAND ON COASTER LANE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (PLZBA2017047)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as Vacant Land on Coaster Lane and located in Part of Lot 11, Concession 11, in the Geographic Township of Anson (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Shoreline Residential (SR). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Open Space Exception Ten (OS-10) Zone. The effect of the amendment is to allow for the property to be used for the purposes of a private boat launch.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2017047

Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

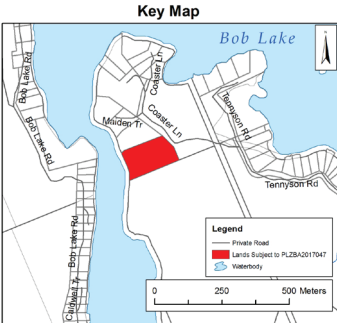
ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

DATED this 10th day of August, 2017
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When: Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12

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For complete schedule, go to wilberforcefair.com or find them on Facebook

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When: Sat. Aug. 12, 2017

4 pm – 9 pm

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Highlands East Studio Tour

When: Aug. 13, 14, 19, 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Highlands East

For more information: highlandseastartour.com

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Kids Fishing Derby

When: Wed. August 16/17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: At the village docks

Come early to register. This is a free event. Prizes to be given out at the Community Center (above the arena) at 3:00 pm. Every registered child will receive a prize. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a "catch and release" event.

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When: Aug. 16 to 20, 8 p.m., weekend matinees at 2 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Preserve

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When: Wednesday, August 16.

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ANNUAL Decoration Day Services, Gelert Cemetery

When: AUGUST 20, 2017 at 3:00 pm

Please bring lawn chairs

Essonville Historic Church - Memorial Service

When: Sunday, August 20, 2017, 2 pm

Speaker: Pastor Brian Plouffe

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, August 23, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Land Trust Discovery Days Teddy Bear Picnic

When: Thursday August 24, 10:00am to 12:00 noon

Where: Dahl Forest

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Garlic growers harvest feast

The Dorset Community Garden's co-ordinator Annette Schumacher harvests garlic on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at the communal garden. Last year there were 300 garlic bulbs planted, which will be harvested and shared with the membership. This garden boasts 20 three-by-three-foot box gardens and six 12-by-five-foot box gardens. The garden members appreciate the Haliburton Highlands Community Garden Network for helping them get started and the Portico Timber Frames owners Ross Rabjohn and Elizabeth Johnson for providing space on their property on Hwy. 35 in Dorset./DARREN LUM Staff

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If you were at Pizza on Earth last week you might have seen Katarina and Jewel Keca, two sisters from Grimsby, Ont. who are riding on horseback across Canada to raise money for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, a non-profit organization that raises and trains labs and poodles to help someone in need. They provide six different Dog Guides: canine vision, autism assistance, diabetic alert, seizure response, hearing ear and service dog. Each dog costs about \$25,000 to raise.

The sisters chose this cause after Jewel brought home Kazi at seven weeks old. They started their journey in Mahone Bay, N.S., on May 4, and will end in British Columbia. To follow their adventure and to donate visit <https://katiekeca.wixsite.com/kecingcanada>.

On Saturday Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the Dorset Community Garage Sale! Declutter, take advantage of the Rec Centre's great location, make some cash and new friends. Only \$5 to rent a table. Tables are limited and first come first serve. Email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 today.

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Political parties prime the electoral pump

With the announcement on Monday of a federal election, local riding associations have already begun gearing up for the September 4 vote.

The Victoria-Haliburton Liberal Association has already chosen its candidate in Lindsay lawyer Bruce Glass. The Progressive Conservatives, who have held the seat for 39 years, have yet to hold a nominating convention, but the incumbent MP, Bill Scott, has announced he intends to stand for election. The local Libertarian Party organization has announced it will select a candidate for this riding in the near future.

Bruce Glass said he was pleased with the call for a late summer election. "There has been a great deal of speculation and talk about the vote, so I think most people were gearing up for it. We might as well get going on it," he told The Times Tuesday morning.

Glass identified two areas which he felt were priority items in the summer campaign. "I believe the Member of Parliament for this riding must act as an industrial commissioner," he said. "We have lost industry over the years, so we must hustle to bring industry into the riding."

The Liberal candidate said the MP should be involved in obtaining grants for the riding to help attract industry to the area. "We are a little off the beaten path,"

he said referring to the Highway 401 corridor, "but we have something to offer industry if they are looking for a place to locate."

Glass said his second priority would be tourism. "The tourist trade has suffered in Canada in the past few years," he said. He blamed this situation on the high cost of travel and accommodation. "I think we should try a policy of reducing the gasoline tax in June, July and August." He said the federal government could be responsible for this while the provincial government could reduce taxes on food and lodging during the same months. "This would have to be a co-operative effort between the federal and provincial governments," Glass noted, but he felt any loss in revenue would be more than made up through increases in income taxes.

Commenting on the riding's 39 year Conservative leanings, Glass said he saw that record as a challenge. "It is interesting to note that both main parties have new leaders. Well, I'm new too so perhaps it is time for a change here."

Glass, who attended the Liberal Leadership convention last month, will have no trouble working with the new party leader. When Turner resigned from the Liberal government, Glass indicated his support for the man and went to the leadership convention pledged to Turner.

The Liberal candidate added that he did not feel the postponement of the Queen's visit to Canada will have a detrimental impact on the party's political fortunes. He said the new schedule for Her Majesty's visit coincides with the area's Indian Summer, so it will be a more enjoyable experience for all concerned.

Conservatives

Incumbent candidate Bill Scott has said that he will allow his name to stand for the party's nomination. He said the nominating meeting has been tentatively set for July 26.

According to the Member of Parliament, the local

party members have been gearing up for an election for the past couple of weeks. He said that committee room facilities in Lindsay have already been secured.

Commenting on the issues facing the voters this summer, Scott said he felt the biggest concern was unemployment and energy costs.

"There is widespread concern over unemployment," he commented "and particularly over youth unemployment." He suggested that retraining programs were needed to introduce the young unemployed to the new technologies which are needed to secure work. "We've got to get people back to work," he commented.

On the question of energy prices, Scott said that the high cost of gasoline has had a devastating impact on tourism. He said he had received many complaints and comments from tourist oriented businesses who felt the operation was affected by the high cost of gasoline. He noted the impact of high gas prices crosses over to his first concern of unemployment. "If people aren't moving about, there are less jobs available, especially in the tourism sector. When the price of gasoline is down, people move more."

Scott said he was proud of the Progressive Conservative party's new leader, Brian Mulroney. He described him as a personable leader who has been working hard to put together a good package for the upcoming election.

The MP said he felt many individuals were upset and disappointed by the postponement of the Queen's visit to Canada. He pointed out that a great deal of money had been spent on preparations leading up to the visit. He said the postponement of the trip was given at a rather late date.

Assessing the party's prospects nationally, Scott noted that the polls indicated the Conservatives were trailing the Liberals at this point, however he stressed that those polls were taken in the aftermath

(more on page 3)

Police note increase in thefts

The usual summer increase in thefts in the Haliburton Highlands has been recorded by the Minden detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Community Services Officer Gary Chapman reported there were 15 thefts reported to the detachment. Among the items taken were boats, small motors and canoes. Two of the stolen boats were chained to nearby trees.

Constable Chapman advises that equipment left unattended in the open provides an invitation to thieves. He also suggests that the property owner

should mark the items with an engraving tool so it can be identified when it is located. "Crime prevention must become ingrained in our lifestyle, if the present trend is to be reversed," he commented.

In addition to the thefts from cottage area properties, a motorcycle was stolen from a shed in downtown Minden early Saturday morning. The missing machine, a 1982 Honda with licence number 176 CF has not been recovered. The investigating officer is Constable Al Bibby.

The same officer is investigating the theft of some

\$300 in quarters removed from two video machines at the Rockcliffe Tavern. The break-in occurred in the early hours of Friday.

Constable Brad Burkholder is investigating a break-in at the Esso gas station and store in Tory Hill. The intruder entered the premises by breaking a window. Taken in the theft were cigarettes and change valued at \$50.

And police are investigating a new twist in thievery which arrived in the Highlands this past week. Two video rental stores lost a VCR machine, valued at \$450 each and a number of

tapes, valued at \$50 each when a client rented the merchandise and failed to return it. In both cases a stolen driver's licence from Toronto was used as a method of identification.

The person renting the equipment was a female.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. There will be a time to share memories of Morgan and to Celebrate his Life at 2:30 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at their home at 16 Highland Gate Blvd., Minden for a Celebration Gathering and Reception on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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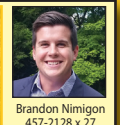
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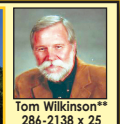
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- Rare opportunity to own half of your own lake
- Log cottage with Large Dock, Perfect Getaway



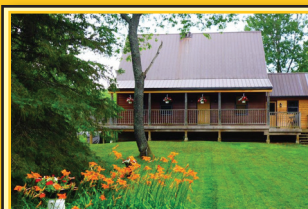
Kushog Lake Access

- This building lot is steps to the boat launch
- Great swimming at this quiet launch
- Lot accessed by two year round roads



105 Acres/Viceroy \$524,900

- Full-Walkout Basement with amazing views!
- Man's dream 30x40 Workshop, oversized garage!
- Quality construction with SW exposure! Must see!



Burnt River \$499,000

- Private County Home close to Haliburton Village
- 74 Acres & over 1,700 ft of rover frontage
- 2,000 Sq. Ft. with 3 bedrooms a& 3 baths



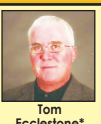
Bitter Lake Retreat \$699,000

- Custom 3 bdrm, yr rd, open concept, stone fireplace
- 2 full baths, laundry W/O bsmt, ready to finish, WI FI
- Many decks, docking system, deep swimming,



Kennis Lake \$1,850,000

- 210 Ft. Waterfront, 1.63 Acr, Yr-Rnd
- 5400 Sq Ft, 4+1 Bdrm, 3.5 Bath, Open Concept
- Rec-Rm, Haliburton Rm, Dbl Garage



Gull Lake Cottage \$499,000

- Step off the deck to the sand beach
- 3 bedrooms, great access, you'll love it
- Call listing sales rep for details.



Brady Lake Lot \$159,000

- Direct Waterfront, driveway in, trailer on site
- Waterfront cleared with dock and swing rope
- Newer trailer with large deck on property



Sir Sams Chalet \$599,000

- B&B or Residential: 8 bdrms, 3 bathrooms
- Excellent investment on Sir Sam's ski hill



Renovated in Ramara \$229,000

- 3 bdrm across from Sylvan Glen Beach
- Nicely updated w/ sun room & large deck
- Waterfront without the cost!



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